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1. There are a number of airfields in the area of Preiort, a small resort com-
munity near Berlin, in the Soviet Zone of Germany [REDACTED]
2. There is a major Soviet airport at Doeberitz which is manned by approxi-
mately two thousand Soviet troops. There is a great number of planes of
the one engine, light-reconnaissance type, based on this field.
3. A large training center for Soviet pilots is located about two or three
kilometers from Preiort. This training center is called "Elsthac". The
training center has a very large school with many classrooms. It is
primarily for basic training and has a continuous turnover of personnel,
although it is a permanent installation as far as the staff is concerned.
Most of the Soviet officers have their wives with them and live on the
base.
4. The base has about one hundred planes, all basic trainers.
5. In 1945 the Soviets did not damage the field and training grounds at
Elsthac although they wrecked roads, villages, and fields in the area.
6. Another airfield, "Staaken" is located between Berlin and Doeberitz. It
is about ten kilometers west of Berlin. The field is somewhat over four
kilometers in length and two kilometers in width and it has many former
Junkers twin-engine transport planes. There are also a number of smaller
planes on the field.
7. There are concrete runways only at the hangars, and the field is grass.
There is a road around the field for use of tank trucks hauling gasoline.
8. The gasoline is stored partially underground and is under heavy guard of
Soviet troops. The gasoline storage facilities are about 50 meters from
the Nauen-Berlin Railroad which runs alongside of the field. The gas
storage tanks are about the size of a locomotive boiler.

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9. Staaken is a Soviet Air Force field and the Soviet units are changed frequently, usually remaining there no longer than four to eight weeks. Contact between the Soviet units and the population of the area is strictly prohibited. Soviet troops are confined to barracks but many go AWOL and steal apples and other farm produce. Discipline of the Soviet troops is fairly good although they tell the farmers that they had better not hold out on any requests as "everything belongs to the Soviet army".
10. It is usually possible to tell the Soviet troops who have been in Germany (Soviet Zone) for some time versus the new arrivals from the USSR. Those with long hair usually have been there for a number of months, and those with closely cropped hair are new arrivals. There are both types at the Staaken field.
11. Great pressure is being put upon young men in the Soviet Zone of Germany to join the Peoples' Police, and employers of young men are strongly urged by the authorities to persuade their young employees to join the Peoples' Police. However, lack of enthusiasm for joining this organization is almost universal, and on many occasions members of the Peoples' Police have even warned natives of the Soviet Zone of impending arrest in sufficient time to let them flee.
12. The attitude of the people in the Soviet Zone of Germany is almost one hundred per cent against the current regime and even former Communists now are bitter anti-Communists.
13. There is a tremendous audience which listens to RIAS, which has an excellent reception, and the Voice of America. Programs of the Voice of America are considered good and they go right to the heart of the people in the Soviet Zone. Many Eastern Germans are strengthened and encouraged by the Voice of America.
14. The Soviets do not prohibit listening to RIAS or the VOA but do prohibit discussing the programs, and it is a jail term if one is caught.
15. The people in the Soviet Zone of Germany pay no attention whatsoever to the Soviet propaganda which is considered crude and overdone. Their reaction is as basic as stating that while there is no paper for them to wrap their lunch in there still seems to be plenty of paper for Communist propaganda posters.
16. Recently there has been developing an increase in heckling at political meetings and the technique is operating very smoothly. The heckling of political speakers is now being done by groups so that it is impossible to identify individuals. Heckling takes such forms as when a speaker in a factory is talking about the exploitation of US capitalists, there are shouts from the crowd, "You are exploiting us more than the US".
17. There has been a considerable increase in heckling tactics at political meetings in factories, and particularly at Wilhelmsruhe, and Hennigsdorf, both of which are former factories of AEG but are now "peoples' owned factories".
18. These plants produce large electric motors and large electric locomotives, all of which are being sent to the USSR. Hennigsdorf likewise produces transformers for power houses, and turbines for hydro-electric stations. All of this is likewise going to the USSR.
19. Wilhelmsruhe had about two thousand employees as of 1952, and Hennigsdorf had about one thousand employees.

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20. It is difficult to estimate production as there are frequent raw materials shortages. Particularly lacking are ball bearings, and copper is also very short.
21. To overcome the raw materials shortage the East Berlin authorities are sending many women who work in these factories to buy small ball-bearings, and copper wire for the inside of electric motors. These women carry small quantities of the items purchased, in shopping bags.
22. As of 1952 they were given money in German (Soviet Zone) currency at the factories, which was then changed by the authorities to German (Federal Republic) currency. Such procurement is probably still going on.
23. There were a number of sources of supply for ball-bearings and copper wire in West Berlin, and probably no sales agencies of manufacturers were averse to selling such items to these women.
24. While I do not know anything about possible sabotage [REDACTED] people working in these plants that there is a great deal of waste material being scrapped, and there is a very high percentage of bad castings.
25. The management of the plants at one time tried to put glass wool around the copper wire but it didn't work. It led to short circuits and it was necessary to throw a considerable number of motors away.

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